

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 2 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). Claims 1 and 3 are objected to for informalities set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1 and 3 are indicated as being allowable.

Drawings

Applicant has amended Figure 4, as illustrate on the attached formal drawing, accompanied by a Letter to the Official Draftsperson. Figure 4 was amended to add reference number --22-- that was discussed in the specification. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the amendment to this figure. It is believed that the foregoing proposed amendment obviates the outstanding objections to the drawings. Entry of the corrected drawing is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), insofar as the hub being a radial type hub of a fan wheel, a mixed-flow type hub of a fan wheel, and a cross-flow type hub of a fan wheel, as set forth in claim 3, were not illustrated in the figures. Since these terms have been deleted from Applicant's amended claims, it is not believed that any drawing corrections are necessary to overcome this objection.

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, except for the above proposed drawing corrections, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitting a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure for that originally filed with this application to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Entry of the Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 3, and amended claim 1 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. It is believed that amended claim 1 now specifically sets forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claim 1 has been indicated as being allowable, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed is a new formal drawing of Figure 4, accompanied by a Letter to the Official Draftsperson. In Figure 4, reference numeral --22-- has been added.